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## Center for EOD and diving

## **Explores depths of training**

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PANAMA CITY, Fla. – The Navy's revolution in Training has come to the diving community in the form of the Center for EOD (Explosive Ordinance Disposal) and Diving (CEOD).

The Center was officially stood up today in Panama City, Fla., home of the Navy's School for Explosive Ordinance Disposal and the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center, giving diving community managers direct access to training providers and Fleet owners, streamlining the process of providing trained Sailors to meet Fleet requirements.

Hitting the ground running, the Center capitalized on the efforts of Task Force Excellence through Commitment to Education and Learning (EXCEL) initiatives by continuing a Job Task Analysis for divers and EOD specialists. This effort led to an integration of two foundational training programs into one unified course, reducing initial training times for students of both communities. Working with the Fleet, CEOD is developing blended learning solutions that will give Sailors the right training at the right time in the right place.

"This is an incredible time for EOD and Diving specialists. The changes that are on the horizon will give Sailors unprecedented opportunities to earn the same professional credentials as their civilian counterparts, now that the two schools have been combined under CEOD," said CEOD Commanding Officer Capt. James Melesky, "We can really learn from each other and make the best Navy explosive ordinance disposal and diving specialists even better."

The Center is also responsible for developing professional development continuums for all Navy divers and will serve as the knowledge managers for all training, education, and career development information and programs available to them.

To learn more about CEOD and the Navy's Revolution in Training visit Navy Knowledge Online at https://www.nko.navy.mil/.